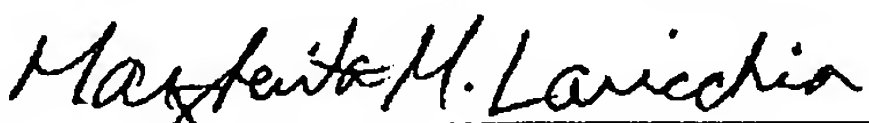


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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION "A"

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of March 27, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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